

Mid-Semester Reflection:

1. Looking back on my Pre-Semester reflection, I have made a lot of progress. Currently, the classes I seem to be doing well in are Chemistry and Chemistry Lab. I feel very strongly about my grade in my Chemistry Lab class because I feel as if I am working extremely hard to get all of my work done on time, while also working really hard during class to make sure I carry out the lab to the best of my ability. I said in my Pre-Assessment at the beginning of the semester that I would be needing assistance in History. Although still that is not false, I do feel as if I have excelled in History, and I feel that the reason I have been doing well in that class recently is because I am super engaged in class, and when class is over, I go over all of the notes I felt were important in lecture that day. I also feel that me coming to the library as much as I do has been a great change that I have made to my learning experience, and that is because I feel that being at the library has really allowed me to focus on one thing at a time, because trying to study and get all of my work done at the dorm can sometimes be detrimental because there are so many distractions, for example, the television being on and loud, roommate talking on the phone, etc.
2. I had a great number of expectations before coming to college on what I thought I was going to be expecting. Tons of people told me that college is just another step up from high school, all the same drama, all the same work, all the same crappy professors; and they aren't wrong. The only thing I have noticed to be different from high school to college is the workload. The workload is a lot more, or maybe it was always this much and I just didn't care as much, but I do feel as if I am working ten times harder being in college than I ever would in high school. College has been stressful and exhausting, but I think it has been a good transition from the workload in high school to the work in college. The college experience is different from what I expected when it comes to social events. In high school, if someone didn't go to a social event, they were deemed as a loser or boring. In college, nobody actually cares if you go out or not, it doesn't have any implications that you are a certain type of person. There are many things that have surprised me this semester, the first one being not joining greek life. Before coming to college, I always saw myself as a sorority girl, wanting to join greek life because it would suit me well, I could have a ton of friends, and just have a great time. Now being here, that is not what happened. Although I am still having a good time, and I have a ton of friends, I recently realized Greek life is not for me, especially not this year, which is okay. My toughest challenge moving away from home was learning how to do everything myself. At home, my mom spoiled me, did everything for me, and when I came to college, I realized that it is not all sunshine and rainbows, and I actually have to work for things, and they aren't just handed to me. The easiest challenge to overcome has been being able to be responsible with my school work, like going out to study at the library. I have recently realized that I cannot go to the Webb because I like to watch people-watch, which is not good for my studying process.
3. I have learned so many things about my major, for example I have learned that my major is extremely competitive to get into, I have to have extremely good grades, and putting in

a lot of effort to get good grades will be extremely beneficial in the end. I have had second thoughts about my intended major, but I know that all of the stress about my major will pay off when I work my butt off in all of these hard classes to receive the grades I want. The only other thoughts I am having about my major have to do with changing my major to public health to eventually go to PA school, but currently going to nursing school is on the top of my list.

4. One problem I have been having this semester is learning how to prioritize my work over going out to parties. Although I do love to party, I know I need to start cracking down on my school work more, especially if I want grades to make my GPA competitive for nursing school. I can utilize the Student Success Center for this problem, because I feel as if they can help me prioritize my time with my work and putting more important subjects first. I feel like my other nursing major friends have really helped me throughout this journey so far because they also prioritize their work, so it helps me follow in their footsteps and try my hardest to prioritize my work like they do. I have not joined any interest groups for any clubs solely because I have not seen any advertisements for them, therefore I have never heard of any clubs having interest group meetings. I want to join a Nurses club, but I'm not sure how to go about that, or what I'm supposed to do to apply. As of right now, I would love to join as many clubs as possible, if I could find some information about these clubs, that would really help me to move in the right direction going forward. I am so excited for the rest of the semester and cannot wait to see what happens next!